

Messrs. Taylor, McRae and Ward were appointed said committee.

A bill to change the time of holding the District Court in the First Judicial District; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Joint resolution for the relief of John W. Lyttle; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., January 8, 1850.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro. tem.—
Senators present: Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward, Walker and Wallace.

The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills originating in the House, viz:

A bill to perfect the land titles in Castro's colony;

A bill to create the county of Wood;

A bill for the relief Thomas Wm. Ward;

A bill to create the county of Bell;

A bill granting a charter to the Galveston and Brazos Navigation Company;

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Goliad;

Also, that the House had passed a resolution to adjourn on Saturday, the 1st day of February next, *sine die*.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Select committee, to whom was referred a bill to authorize the county court of Harrison county to have record book B of bonds, deeds, mortgages and other instruments of writing, now in the county clerk's office of said county, transcribed, reported the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Latimer, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of Mary Henderson, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Robertson, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill requiring the Commissioner

of the General Land Office to issue a certificate of one-third of a league of land to the heirs of Montgomery Baxter, reported the same back to the Senate, without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Gage introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Wallace who fell at Goliad; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Gage, the rule was suspended; bill read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Pease introduced a bill supplementary to an act defining the offices and duties of sheriffs, passed May 12, 1846; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Pease, the rule was suspended; bill read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pease introduced a bill supplementary to an act to organize county courts, passed March 16th, 1848; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the rule was suspended; bill read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Moffett, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to endeavor to secure the passage of a law, requiring the United States District Court for the District of Texas to be held at more places than one, correctly engrossed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to divide the State of Texas into two Supreme Court Districts; read third time.

Mr. Robertson offered the following proviso to the 4th section:

"Provided, that all costs, that have accrued on cases now pending in said court which are ordered to be transferred by this act, shall be paid before the removal of said papers."

The yeas and nays being called on the adoption of the amendment, were as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Davis, Hart, Moffett, Pease, Phillips, Robertson—6.

Nays: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Latimer, McRae, Parker, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip and Wallace—12; rejected.

The bill was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Gage, Grimes, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Walker and Wallace—14.

Nays: Messrs. Davis, Hart, Pease, Phillips and Robertson—5.

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to endeavor to secure the passage of a law, requiring the United States District Court for the District of Texas to be held at more places than one; read third time and passed.

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Goliad; read first time.

A bill granting a charter to the Galveston and Brazos Navigation Company; read first time.

Mr. Robertson moved to suspend the rule, that the bill might be read second time; lost.

A bill to create the county of Bell; read first time.

A bill to create the county of Wood; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the rule was suspended; bill read second time and referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

A bill for the relief of Thomas Wm. Ward; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, the rule was suspended; bill read second time and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to perfect the land titles in Castro's colony; read first time.

Joint resolution for the relief of John Balch; read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Messrs. Brashear, Burleson, Cooke, Davis, Kinney, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Truit, Van Derlip, Walker and Wallace—15.

Nays: Messrs. Gage, Grimes, Hart, Latimer, Pease, Taylor and Ward—7.

Joint resolution for the relief of Benjamin F. Fry; read third time and passed.

Joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of William Mockford; read third time and passed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to create the 12th Judicial District;

Also, that the House had appointed Messrs. Clements, Lloyd and Williams a committee of conference on a bill to regulate ferries;

Also, that the House had adopted the following resolution of the Senate :

"*Resolved*, That the committee on the Penitentiary, on the part of the Senate, act in conjunction with the committee on the Penitentiary, on the part of the House, on the report of the joint committee of the two Houses to examine the penitentiary."

On motion of Mr. Brashear, a bill for the relief of Frederick Scranton was taken up and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Latimer, the petition of Daniel Fuller was taken up and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to authorize Mrs. Julia Stanton to take the Guardianship of her son, William Ewing Stanton ; read third time and passed.

A bill requiring the election of county treasurers by the people ; read third time and passed.

A bill requiring the Comptroller to audit the claims of Fernando De Leon for cattle, horses and mules furnished the army of Texas in the years 1835 and 1836 ; read third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of George W. Manie ; read third time and passed.

A bill to amend the first section of an act to create the county of Anderson, approved March 24th, 1846 ; read third time and passed.

A bill to create the Twelfth Judicial District ; read first time.

Mr. Phillips offered the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the Senate despatch the business on the President's table in regular order before any new business coming from the House shall be taken up."

A bill to secure to all actual settlers within the limits of the colony granted to Peters and others, commonly known as Peters' colony, the land to which they are entitled as colonists, together with the report of the committee on Public Lands offering amendments thereto, was read, and amendments adopted.

Mr. Walker offered the following amendment : Strike out section 15, and insert the following for said section :

"Sec. 15. *Be it further enacted*, That said Commissioner shall continue to perform the duties imposed on him by this act for two years after his appointment, and that this act take effect from and after its passage" ; adopted.

Mr. Truit offered the following amendment to the 5th section : Strike out the words "that the Governor of this State shall ap-

point," and insert "that there shall be elected by joint vote of both Houses of the Legislature."

Mr. Kinney moved to refer the bill and amendment to the committee on the Judiciary; upon which the yeas and nays were called, and stood as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Brashear, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Kinney, McRae, Pease, Phillips, Portis and Van Derlip—10.

Nays: Messrs. Burleson, Cooke, Hart, Latimer, Moffett, Parker, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Ward, Walker and Wallace—12; lost.

On motion of Mr. Pease, the bill was laid on the table and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Pease made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, January 8, 1850.

To the Hon. John A. Greer,

President of the Senate:

A majority of the joint special committee, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the quieting of land titles west of the Nueces river, have had the same under consideration, and herewith submit the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

E. M. PEASE, Chairman of the Senate Committee.

H. P. BEE, Chairman of Committee of H. of R.

A bill to quiet land titles west of the Nueces river; read first time.

A bill for the relief of Washington H. Secrest; read second time.

Mr. Pease moved to amend by striking out all after the word "Secrest" in the fifth line after second section, and inserting the words "upon his paying the same fees and government dues required of colonists who emigrated previous to the 2d day of May, 1835"; adopted.

The bill was then passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, a bill to secure to the German Emigration Company and their colonists the land to which they are entitled, and to adjust the liabilities of said company, was taken up; read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Latimer, the resolutions on slavery were taken from the table and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Truit, the Senate adjourned.